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Revenue Department

Receipts and expenditure in the copyist section in the Revenue department.

* 645 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: With reference to the answer to my question No. 449 (*a*), dated the 27th February 1931, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any year in which the expenditure on copyists and copyist examiners in the Revenue department exceeded the receipts and, if so, what were those years and what was the excess expenditure in each such year; and

(*b*) what the total amount of such receipts and expenditure for the last twelve years has been?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have called for the information.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know whether the information when received, will be made available to the Members of the House?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I will consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Reduction of the copyist establishment in the Revenue offices.

11-15 a.m. * 646 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: With reference to the answer to clause (*b*) of question 449, dated 27th February 1931, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there was any reduction in the copyist establishment of the Revenue offices and if so, on how many occasions and in how many offices?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know whether the information will be called for?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Sir, the compilation of this information would involve considerable time and trouble and I do not think it is worth it."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" This question was asked because the Government stated the other day that the strength of the copyist establishment in the Revenue department varied from year to year and consequently it could not be made permanent. Unless we know whether there has been any loss or not on account of these copyists, we cannot make out a case for their confirmation. So, I want to know what the total receipts and expenditure on the copyist establishment are."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The Government have already called for that information with reference to question No. 645."

Jails

Ill-health of Mr. K. Mohideen Kutty in Cuddalore Jail.

* 647 Q.—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Kurudikandathil Mohideen Kutty, prisoner No. 1977 in the Cuddalore District Jail, has been suffering from rheumatism or any other disease, and if so, how long;